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BOOK REVIEWS.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA, 1712, 1714, 1715, 1718, 1720, 1722, 1723, 1726. Edited by H. R. McIlwaine, Richmond, Virginia, MCMXII (Virginia State Library) pp. lii, 441, with index.

Dr. McIlwaine, the State Librarian of Virginia, has issued another volume of this now well-known series of Journals, in the same handsome shape as the former ones. It is well edited and the introduction and summaries of the work of the separate sessions are valuable contributions to the history of the time.

The journals of the ten sessions here given are printed for the first time and thus are now first made available for students in this country. Though nothing of very vital importance occurred during this period the journals contain much matter of great interest, for during this time the colonial organization as it was when the disputes with England began, was gradually taking form. Of course there is throughout a quantity of material invaluable for the local historian and the genealogist.

THE COLLEGE OF HAMPDEN SIDNEY. Calendar of Board Minutes, 1776-1876. By Alfred J. Morrison. Richmond, Va., The Hermitage Press, 1912. pp. 186, with 39 portraits and index.

Hampden Sidney College, founded by Presbyterians in 1774, has had a long and brilliant life and is still as full of vigor as in its youth and doing as good work. No better plan of giving the history of the college could have been devised than by the publication of this calendar of the minutes of its board of trustees. It is a documentary history covering one hundred years. Mr. Morrison, who is deeply learned in the story of the life of Hampden Sidney, has made his abstracts and extracts with great accuracy and good judgement. The value of his work is increased by the very interesting collection of portraits of men prominently connected with the college.

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY. A Complete Index to Stith's History of Virginia. By Morgan Poitiaux Robinson, Richmond, Va., 1912. pp. 152.

Stith's is by far the most valuable of the early histories of Virginia. He was a man of education and judgment, and as a native of the colony was thoroughly acquainted with the Virginia people. He made use of manuscript sources in a manner very unusual at the time.